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1. On 1 Jan 54, Gen. Dr. Jaroslav Kopáček was named as director of the new military hospital which has just been completed at Janské Lázně in the Krkonoše region in northeast Bohemia.
2. This new hospital is set aside for the treatment of Czechoslovak Army personnel attacked by polio. The incidence of polio in Czechoslovak Army units increased by 250 percent during 1953, and reached alarming proportions, particularly in Slovakia.
3. The new hospital has the most modern installations for the treatment of the disease, and should give the best results anywhere within the Soviet bloc.

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